GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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NEW DEVICES FOR FAMILY PLANNING .
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have developed some new devices for Family Planning;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether these devices have been proved successful;

(d) if so, the extent to which the success has been achieved; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government for their publicity?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), Lucknow has developed a non-steroidal, non-hormonal Contraceptive Pil named `Centchroman`. It is being marketed as `Saheli` by the Public Sector undertaking M/s Hindustan Latex LimitedDuring the initial 3 months, 1 tablet is taken twice a week and thereafter once a week for as long as contraceptive protection is desired.

(c)&(d) Centchroman has been found to be successful in preventing unwanted pregnancy. The safety and efficacy of Centchroman is well within the acceptable levels of tolerance.

(e) The `Saheli` brand of contrnaceptive pill is being promoted by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Government of India through Social Marketing under the National Family Welfare Programme and by M/s Hindustan Latex LimitedInformation education and communication campaigns are frequently advertising the product.